IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

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Guidelines re Telephonic Participation in)	Administrative Order No. 2022-04
Motion Dockets and Chapter 13)	
Confirmation Hearings)	
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GUIDELINES RE TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION IN MOTION DOCKETS AND CHAPTER 13 CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

In general, the judges expect lawyers from Mobile and Baldwin counties to attend Mobile motion dockets in person. However, lawyers from Mobile and Baldwin counties who have only one or two matters on a given motion docket which can be handled without an extended hearing may participate telephonically. Mobile and Baldwin county lawyers must attend chapter 13 confirmation hearings in person. Lawyers from outside Mobile and Baldwin counties may participate telephonically in motion dockets or chapter 13 confirmation hearings which can be handled without an extended hearing. In all situations, a lawyer who wishes to participate telephonically should email that request to the judge's courtroom deputy by 2 p.m. the day before.

The judges recognize that parking in downtown Mobile is limited and do not want debtors to miss work any more than necessary. Debtors may thus participate telephonically in Mobile motion dockets and chapter 13 confirmation hearings unless more than brief testimony is necessary.

The Selma courtroom cannot accommodate telephonic participation except on a "listen only" basis. However, Judge Callaway usually holds two telephonic Northern Division motion

dockets each month and is amenable to moving non-evidentiary motions to a telephonic docket upon timely request to his courtroom deputy.

Jerry C. Oldshue Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

Henry A. Callaway

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge